

TRACKED BY A "HORO" SIGN

Three Tramps Captured Last Night by Police Raiders.

THEIR QUEEN GAVE HERSELF UP

A Diamond-Shaped Piece of Paper Tacked on the Side of a Freight Car Gave the Officers Their Clue—White-Haired Woman Who Heads an Encampment of Weary Walkers.

In the mystic language of the "hobo" fraternity, a small diamond-shaped piece of white paper attached to an empty box can mean: "All right, this car is safe for a night."

Last night while Patrolmen Auguste and Hughes, of the Fourth precinct, were patrolling their beat among the shades and shadows

The men sprang up as the policemen entered and attempted to escape. But the stern command "halt" brought them to a standstill and also to a realization of the fact that they were in the stern grasp of the law. Several other tramps who had retired for the

The prisoners gave their names as George Coleman, John Johnson, and William H. Alexander, and said they were going South in

The above trio of weary walkers or desperate Diaks had barely settled themselves on the iron benches in the cells before old Elmer Smith, a white woman with white hair and

lowered form, came straggling into the station and demanded to be locked up. She was drunk and gabby, and informed the officers that a raid had just been made on "the camp," a tramp settlement that was established several weeks ago on the Potomac flats, north of Long Bridge.

A sort of mother of the ill-assorted company of "babes" who lived there. The old woman, who has sunk low in the scale of vice and dissipation, was locked up and the charge of vagrancy entered opposite her name on the station blotter.

"The camp," which was unsuccessfully raided last night, consists of a series of shacks built of dry underbrush, on the unimproved

The men do their cooking in tomato cans or any other sort of vessels that can be picked up. The color line is not drawn in Camp Leithargy, and black and white men, and

Up to last night when she surrendered to the police, Ella Smith was recognized as a sort of queen of the "photo" colony, and affiliated both as cook and counselor. There were only about eight members of the fraternity in camp when the police swooped down on the place last night and they scattered.

There is said to be a larger colony of tramps located on the slope overlooking Four-mile Run, midway between Washington and Alexandria, on the line of the railroad. These fellows live, it is said, by begging from patrons of the race tracks and gambling resorts near

The inhabitants of these camps are migratory, and every day witnesses the departure of one or more groups bound for the sunny southland, where overcoats are not needed, and corn whisky flows almost as freely as

water from a mountain rivulet.

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Fast Time at a Gastronomic Contest Between Two Colored Competitors.

Columbia Hall, on Columbia road, between Clatsop and Everett streets, northwest corner of intersection.

The participants were Marlon White, Octavius Gordon, Sparrow Richardson, Fred

The match was won easily by Sparrow Richardson, who consumed his pie in 1 minute and 3 seconds. The other attraction

The pig-eating match proved so popular that it is to be repeated shortly for the benefit of a church.

CONTEST FOR HOUSE SEATS.

Twenty-six Will Be Hotly Fought for at the Next Session.

The Republican National Congressional Committee yesterday received information of the intention of three more candidates to file contests against their opponents, who will

be given seats in the House of Representatives on the face of the returns, making a total of twenty-six seats which will be contested.

The notices yesterday came from Mr. Orton of the Third Missouri district, who will contest Mr. Dockery's right to the seat; from Mr. Myers of the Sixth Arkansas, who will con-

rest Mill, and from Mr. Spears, of the Third North Carolina, who will contest Shaw.

Three to Choose Dr. Bartlett's Successor
The committee appointed to select a new pastor for the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church held a meeting in the Sunday-school

room of the church last evening and organized. The method of choosing the new pastor was discussed, and it was decided to appoint a sub-committee of three, whose duty it shall be to hear sermons of the several preachers whom it would be desirable to have in the New York Avenue Church. This sub-committee will report the new pastor's name.

Appointment by the President.
The President yesterday appointed Theodore W. Richards as assistant surgeon of the Navy.

Merit wins every time. Skillful, intelligent labor, in sweat workrooms, guided by persistent and determined brains, have in eight short years, led up to the present success and triumph of the Plymouth Rock Paint Co. Their Sales

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